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Florida

Weather: High, humid temperatures persisted throughout August. Growers treated some peanut and cotton fields for pest and disease problems in early August. Fields that were planted later than normal continued to lag in development. In Jackson County, some crops were stressed by the dry weather and triple digit temperatures. The hot and dry conditions by mid-month stopped peanut blooming but pegging and pod development continued. In parts of the Panhandle, the cotton crop was in fair condition. Towards the end of the month high temperatures coupled with lack of rain began taking a toll on field crops in the Panhandle. Cotton and peanut crops, especially non-irrigated fields, were stressed due to the drought. Scattered rainfall towards the end of August aided crop development. By early September, armyworms were observed feeding on many crops in several counties. High temperatures and dry weather stressed crops in Escambia, Santa Rosa, and Washington counties. Cotton was starting to flower and form bolls with a few fields having bolls opening. By early September, peanut digging was underway with 6 percent of the crop harvested. Peanut crop condition was rated 1 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 39 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 4 percent excellent as of September 11. Rains aided sugarcane maturity in the Everglades region.

Cotton: Based on conditions as of September 1, growers expected to harvest 120,000 acres, up 31,000 acres or 35 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 724 pounds per acres, down 5 percent from last year. Production is estimated at 181 thousand bales, up 39,000 bales or 27 percent from 2010.

Peanuts: Harvested acreage is estimated at 157 thousand acres, up 22,000 acres or 16 percent from a year ago. Yield is expected to average 3,000 pounds per acre, down 12 percent from the previous year. Total expected production is at 471 million pounds, up 3 percent from last year's 459,000 acres.

Sugarcane: All acreage for harvest is set at 397 thousand acres, up 1 percent from last season. Expected yield is set at 35.0 tons per acre or up 6 percent from last year. Production for sugar and seed is estimated 13.9 million tons, up 923,000 tons or 7 percent from a year ago.

United States

Cotton: Production is forecast at 16.6 million 480-pound bales, up fractionally from last month but down 9 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 807 pounds per harvested acre, down 5 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 15.8 million 480-pound bales, down 10 percent from 2010. American Pima production, forecast at 737,200 bales, was carried forward from last month.

Peanuts: Production is forecast at 3.46 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the August forecast and down 17 percent from last year. Based on administrative data, planted area, at 1.15 million acres, is down slightly from the June estimate and down 11 percent from the previous year. Area for harvest is expected to total 1.11 million acres, down slightly from August and 11 percent lower than 2010. Yields are expected to average 3,104 pounds per acre, down 130 pounds from August and 207 pounds from last year.

Corn: Production is forecast at 12.5 billion bushels, down 3 percent from the August forecast but up fractionally from 2010. If realized, this will be the third largest production total on record for the United States. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 148.1 bushels per acre, down 4.9 bushels from the August 1 forecast and down 4.7 bushels from 2010. If realized, this will be the lowest average yield in the United States since 2005.

Soybeans: Production is forecast at 3.09 billion bushels, up 1 percent from August but down 7 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.8 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushel from last month but down 1.7 bushels from last year. Compared with last month, yield forecasts are higher in the Central Great Plains and along much of the Atlantic Coast. If realized, the forecasted yield in Nebraska will be a record high. Yield forecasts are below last month across the Southern Great Plains and portions of the Southeast as hot, dry conditions persisted during August. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at 73.8 million acres, unchanged from August but down 4 percent from 2010.

Sugarcane: Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed is forecast at 28.6 million tons, down fractionally from the August 1 forecast but up 5 percent from 2010. Production increases from last year are expected in all estimating States. Producers intend to harvest 883,000 acres for sugar and seed in 2011, down 6,000 acres from the previous forecast. Producers in Hawaii are expected to harvest 17,000 acres for sugar and seed. If realized, this will be a record low for the State. Expected yield for the United States is forecast at 32.4 tons per acre, up 0.1 ton from the August 1 forecast. Recent rains in Louisiana and Florida have improved crop conditions. Hawaii and Texas continue to experience drought conditions.

Crop Production: Acreage for Harvest and Forecasts of Yield and Production for Florida and United States as of September 1, 2011 with Comparisons

[Data are the latest estimates available, either from the current report or from previous reports. Current year estimates are for the full 2011 crop year. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun.]

Crop	Harvested acreage		Yield per acre		Unit	Production	
	2010	For harvest 2011	2010	Indicated 2011		2010	Indicated 2011
	(thousands)	(thousands)				(thousands)	(thousands)
Florida							
Cotton ¹	89.0	120.0	766.0	724.0	(¹)	142.0	181.0
Peanuts	135.0	157.0	3,400.0	3,000.0	pounds	459,000.0	471,000.0
Potatoes:							
Spring	31.8	33.7	250.0	256.0	cwt	7,950.0	8,618.0
Sugarcane	392.0	397.0	33.1	35.0	net tons	12,972.0	13,895.0
United States							
Corn for Grain	81,446.0	84,388.0	152.8	148.1	bushels	12,446,865.0	12,497,070.0
Cotton, All ¹	10,698.7	9,849.5	812.0	807.0	(¹)	18,104.1	16,556.2
Hay, Alfalfa	19,956.0	19,329.0	3.40	3.36	tons	67,903.0	64,996.0
Hay, All Other	39,906.0	38,276.0	1.95	1.75	tons	77,653.0	67,002.0
Peanuts for Nuts	1,255.0	1,114.0	3,311.0	3,104.0	pounds	4,155,600.0	3,457,900.0
Potatoes:							
Spring	85.9	90.5	289.0	283.0	cwt	24,820.0	25,640.0
Summer	37.5	44.2	310.0	303.0	cwt	11,642.0	13,386.0
Fall	881.8	936.1	416.0		cwt	366,505.0	
Rice	3,615.0	2,624.0	6,725.0	7,273.0	(²)	243,104.0	190,854.0
Sorghum for Grain	4,808.0	4,388.0	71.8	55.6	bushels	345,395.0	244,094.0
Soybeans for Beans	76,616.0	73,823.0	43.5	41.8	bushels	3,329,341.0	3,085,340.0
Sugarbeets	1,155.7	1,207.6	27.6	24.2	tons	31,901.0	29,180.0
Sugarcane for							
Sugar and Seed	877.5	883.0	31.2	32.4	net tons	27,360.0	28,622.0
Sweet Potatoes	116.9	128.2	204.0		cwt	23,845.0	
Tobacco, All	337.5	337.4	2,130.0	1,875.0	pounds	718,883.0	632,679.0
Wheat, All:	47,637.0	45,924.0	46.4	45.2	bushels	2,208,391.0	2,076,534.0
Winter	31,749.0	32,307.0	46.8	46.3	bushels	1,485,236.0	1,497,429.0
Durum	2,529.0	1,347.0	42.4	42.4	bushels	107,180.0	57,130.0
Other Spring	13,359.0	12,270.0	46.1	42.5	bushels	615,975.0	521,975.0

¹ Production ginned and to be ginned. Yield in pounds, production in 480 pound net weight bales.

² Yield in pounds, production in hundredweight. Includes sweet rice production.